



LOCATING PROPERTY LINES

- How do I find my property line?

There should be surveying stakes or pins on your property, which will help locate your properties boundaries. Subdivision plats show the shape and dimensions of your lot and where survey pins should be placed. Surveying pins are usually located at the corners of your property. In recent year, they typically are ½ inch diameter pipe, sometimes buried into the ground so you may not find them on the surface. ***A map of your property can be found at: <https://gis.ci.neenah.wi.us/parcelviewer/> ***

- Will the City locate my property stakes for me?

No, the City does not locate property boundaries in the field for residents. If you cannot locate the original survey pins, the only accurate way to find or replace them is to hire a land surveyor. While fences, power poles and public walks may give you a general idea of where your property lines are, they are not always accurate indicators. But they are a good place to start looking for markers. Fences sometimes are located on the property lines, but the previous owner may have erected them well inside the line. Also, lots are not always uniform in size so it should not be assumed your property lines will line up with lot lines of your neighbors. ***The City of Neenah Public Works Department does loan out a metal detector for residents to try and locate the lot markers themselves. For more information, contact 920-886-6240.***

- Why is it important to know your property line?

When buying a property, part of the process involves receiving survey information about the boundary lines of the property. However, over time, changes to the landscape often can present less clear visions of property lines. Knowing the boundary lines of your property could help you avoid:

1. Being forced to alter or remove structures that extend over the property line
2. Being forced to remove or move landscaping that encroach or extend over the property line
3. Neighbor disputes
4. Fines
5. Lawsuits

Properties that border park or government lands can also present situations that are not correctly interpreted by homeowners. Some homeowners assume since the adjacent parkland will not be developed, it is okay to extend fences or erect sheds on that land. This assumption could lead to serious consequences for homeowners.

- Examples of situations when it is important to know property line locations:

1. Prior to building a new structure
2. Prior to constructing an addition to an existing structure
3. Prior to erecting a fence, pool, or deck
4. Neighbor disputes over lot line locations
5. Prior to planting, trimming, or removing a tree or bush near the property line

This information is only a general guide. While we have attempted to answer the questions most often asked of this department, your situation may not be included. Please feel free to call or stop in the office with any questions you may have.